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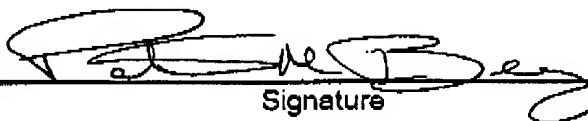
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Amendment A

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IN THE Z-AXIS**

**AMENDMENT A**

**A) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Official Action of August 22, 2005, applicant requests reconsideration of his application for a patent.